# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:833
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2001
TELECOM FACILITIES IN BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of telephone subscribers in Bihar, district-wise;

(b) the progress made with regard to laying telephone lines and setting up telecom centres in backward areas of Bihar;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide value added services such as cellular telephone and pager service in these areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have formulated any special programme for improving telephone and STD services in the backward areas of Bihar;

(f) if so, the details thereof;
(g) whether telephone services in Shekhpura, Lakhisarai, Jamuai are unsatisfactory;
(h) if so, the reasons therefor ; and
(i) the steps taken by the Government to provide satisfactory telephone service?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS ( SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The number of telephone subscribers in Bihar, district-wise are placed at Annexure-I.

(b) The details of cable laid and new telephone exchanges opened in backward areas of Bihar are placed at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): There is no plan of BSNL to provide pager services in Bihar.In first phase, it is proposed to provide 35000 cellular telephones in Bihar, by BSNL.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) For improving STD services, 1100 kms OFC & 792 kms UHF/MW systems have already been commissioned.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) & (i): Not applicable in view of (g) above.

Annexure-I

| S. No. | Name of District | No. of DELs As on 31.1.2001 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | BHOJPUR | 12845 |
| 2 | BUXAR | 6397 |
| 3 | BHAGALPUR | 24505 |
| 4 | BANKA | 4728 |
| 5 | SARAN | 14339 |
| 6 | GOPAL GANJ | 6190 |
| 7 | SIWAN | 9814 |
| 8 | DARBHANGA | 22052 |
| 9 | MADHUBANI | 12783 |
| 10 | SAMASTIPUR | 13693 |
| 11 | GAYA | 20576 |
| 12 | AURANGABAD | 4819 |
| 13 | JAHANABAD | 3498 |
| 14 | NAWADA | 5167 |
| 15 | VAISHALI | 12950 |

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| 16 | KATIHAR | 10823 |
| 17 | KISHANGANJ | 5081 |
| 18 | ARARIA | 5076 |
| 19 | PURNEA | 12855 |
| 20 | KHAGARIA | 6663 |
| 21 | BEGUSARAI | 12973 |
| 22 | W. CHAMPARAN | 11671 |
| 23 | E. CHAMPARAN | 19514 |
| 24 | MUNGER | 12541 |
| 25 | LAKHISARAI | 4718 |
| 26 | SHEKHPURA | 2025 |
| 27 | JAMUI | 4016 |
| 28 | MUZAFFARPUR | 29944 |
| 29 | SITAMARHI | 9027 |
| 30 | SHEOHAR | 1031 |
| 31 | PATNA | 131569 |
| 32 | NALANDA | 11502 |
| 33 | SAHARSA | 10204 |
| 34 | MADHEPURA | 5850 |
| 35 | SUPAUL | 5347 |
| 36 | ROHTAS | 12371 |
| 37 | BHABHUA | 4980 |
| TOTAL | | 504137 |

Annexure-II

Progress of Cable Laying & Opening of New Rural Exchanges from 1.4.2000 to 31.1.2001

| Sl.No. | SSA | Cable laid (CKM) | New Exch. Opened |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ARRAH | 60613 | 4 |
| 2 | BHAGALPUR | 51697 | 11 |
| 3 | CHAPRA | 36752 | 12 |
| 4 | DARBHANGA | 86899 | 22 |
| 5 | GAYA | 13701 | 14 |
| 6 | HAJIPUR | 117188 | 8 |
| 7 | KHAGARIA | 60942 | 6 |
| 8 | KATIHAR | 51676 | 10 |
| 9 | MOTIHARI | 71810 | 12 |
| 10 | MUNGER | 52177 | 10 |
| 11 | MUZAFFARPUR | 144983 | 15 |
| 12 | PATNA | 109857 | 9 |
| 13 | SAHARSA | 76051 | 7 |
| 14 | SASARAM | 84728 | 5 |
| | TOTAL | 1019074 | 145 |